

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 14-18 are withdrawn. By this Amendment, the specification is amended.

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

The August 27, 2004 Restriction Requirement restricts the claims to Group I, claims 1-13; and Group II, claims 14-18. In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-13, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Moreover, claims 14-18 depend from base claim 1. As such, because claims 14-18 must be rejoined when claim 1 is allowed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine claims 14-18 as well as elected claims 1-13.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to replace the term "collet" with "back pressing pin" in paragraphs 67 and 69. The Amendment does not add new matter or affect the


disclosure of the specification. As such, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to enter the Amendment to the specification.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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